



US Army Corps
of Engineers
Seattle District

Public Notice of Application for Permit

Regulatory Branch
Post Office Box 3755
Seattle, Washington 98124-3755
Telephone (206) 764-3495
ATTN: Jessica Winkler, Project Manager

Public Notice Date: March 21, 2005
Expiration Date: April 20, 2005
Reference: 200500133
Name: Tacoma, Port of

Interested parties are hereby notified that an application has been received for a Department of the Army permit in accordance with Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899, and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act for certain work described below and shown on the enclosed drawings.

APPLICANT: Port of Tacoma
Post Office Box 1837
Tacoma, Washington 98401-1837
ATTN: Mr. Michael Shaw
Telephone: (253) 383-5841 x321

LOCATION: At the barge slip adjacent to the turning basin of the Blair Waterway, at Tacoma, Washington.

WORK: Place a total of up to 64,250 cubic yards (cy) of fill in the existing barge slip in order to restore uplands to +19 feet Mean Lower Low Water (MLLW). Up to 10,500 cy of coarse sand and gravel would be used to construct a berm across the barge slip opening and up to 50,000 cy of clean fill would be placed behind the berm concurrently with berm construction. An additional 3,500 cy of riprap would be placed along the newly formed 2H:1V sideslopes between +11.8 and 0 feet MLLW. Up to 250 cy of select substrate (2.5 inch minus angular shoulder ballast) will be placed in the interstices of the riprap. A total of 2.42 acres of intertidal habitat would be converted to uplands as a result of the project.

PURPOSE: To create additional upland area adjacent to the waterway for cargo handling.

MITIGATION: The Port proposes to setback the existing U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) levee along the eastern shoreline of the Puyallup River, upstream of the existing Gog-le-hi-te mitigation site, in order to create additional intertidal habitat. A perimeter levee would be constructed encompassing the mitigation area. Phase one of the mitigation area would consist of the construction of approximately 6.22 acres of aquatic habitat below elevation +13 ft MLLW. The existing upland would be excavated down to native material, removing any garbage remaining from when the site was used as a municipal landfill. Additional excavation to target elevations ranging from +5 to +13 ft MLLW would be completed prior to breaching the existing levee to allow hydraulic connection to the River. The area between +10 and +13 ft MLLW would be seeded with a mixture of freshwater marsh species and the upland areas would be planted with trees, shrubs and ground cover. Of the 6.22 acres of aquatic habitat created in Phase 1, 4.84 acres would be assigned to the Blair Barge Slip Fill Project. The remaining 1.38 acres of habitat constructed in Phase 1 would be proposed for mitigation for the Blair Waterway Infrastructure Improvements Project (Corps reference # 200400818). There is currently no schedule for the implementation of the Phase 2 habitat action. A compacted soil berm would be constructed with on-site soil to separate the Phase 1 from the Phase 2 habitat area.

ENDANGERED SPECIES: The Endangered Species Act (ESA) requires federal agencies to consult with the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) and/or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) pursuant to Section 7 of ESA on all actions that may affect a species listed (or proposed for listing) under the ESA as threatened or endangered or any designated critical habitat. The Puget Sound Chinook (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*), threatened, Coastal/Puget Sound bull trout (*Salvelinus confluentus*), threatened, bald eagle (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*) threatened, Steller sea lion (*Eumetopias jubatus*), threatened, Humpback whale (*Megaptera novaeangliae*), endangered, Leatherback sea turtle (*Dermochelys coriacea*), endangered, and Puget Sound Killer whale (*Orcinus orca*), proposed for listing in the state of Washington, may occur in the proposed project area. For Stellar sea lion, critical habitat has been designated and for Chinook and bull trout, critical habitat has been proposed. After receipt of comments from this public notice, the Corps will evaluate the potential impacts to the Chinook, bull trout, bald eagle, Steller sea lion, Humpback whale, leatherback sea turtle, and Southern resident Puget Sound killer whale.

ESSENTIAL FISH HABITAT: The Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, as amended by the Sustainable Fisheries Act of 1996, requires all Federal agencies to consult with the NMFS on all actions, or proposed actions, permitted, funded, or undertaken by the agency, that may adversely affect Essential Fish Habitat (EFH). The proposed action would impact approximately 2.5 acres of EFH for Pacific salmon, Groundfish, and Coastal Pelagic Species in the project area.

If the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) determines that the proposed action may adversely affect EFH for federally managed fisheries in Washington waters, the Corps will initiate EFH consultation with the NMFS. The Corps' final determination relative to project impacts and the need for mitigation measures is subject to review by and coordination with the NMFS.

CULTURAL RESOURCES: The District Engineer has reviewed the latest published version of the National Register of Historic Places, lists of properties determined eligible and other sources of information. Known historic properties occur in the vicinity of the proposed project. An investigation for the presence of potentially eligible historic properties is justified. The District Engineer invites responses to this public notice from Native American Nations or tribal governments; Federal, State, and local agencies; historical and archeological societies; and other parties likely to have knowledge of or concerns with historic properties in the area. This public notice initiates consultation under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (36 CFR 800.4[a][3]), with any Tribe that has information or concerns with historic properties in the proposed permit area.

PUBLIC HEARING: Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing.

EVALUATION: The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impacts, including cumulative impacts, of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefits, which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal, must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered, including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, historic properties, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, floodplain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, considerations of property ownership, and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Native American Nations or tribal governments; Federal, State, and local agencies and officials; and other interested parties in order to consider

and evaluate the impacts of this activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for the work. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the activity.

The proposed discharge will be evaluated for compliance with guidelines promulgated by the Environmental Protection Agency under authority of Section 404(b)(1) of the Clean Water Act. These guidelines require an alternatives analysis for any proposed discharge of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States.

ADDITIONAL EVALUATION: For the portions of the project that are on Port property, the State of Washington is reviewing this work for consistency with the approved Washington Coastal Zone Management Program and for compliance with the applicable State and Federal water quality standards pursuant to Section 401 of the Clean Water Act. For the portion of the project that is on Tribal property, the Puyallup Tribe is reviewing this work for compliance with the applicable Federal water quality standards pursuant to Section 401 of the Clean Water Act. This proposal is the subject of Shorelines Substantial Development Permit application, being processed by City of Tacoma.

COMMENT AND REVIEW PERIOD: Conventional mail or e-mail comments on this public notice will be accepted and made part of the record and will be considered in determining whether it would be in the public interest to authorize this proposal. In order to be accepted, e-mail comments must originate from the author's e-mail account and must include on the subject line of the e-mail message the permit applicant's name and reference number as shown below. All e-mail comments should be sent to Jessica.G.Winkler@usace.army.mil. Conventional mail comments should be sent U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Regulatory Branch, Post Office Box 3755, Seattle, Washington, 98124-3755. Both conventional mail or e-mail comments must include the permit applicant's name and reference number, as shown below, and the commentor's name, address, and phone number. All comments whether conventional mail or e-mail must reach this office, no later than the expiration date of this public notice to ensure consideration. Please include the following name and reference number:

Port of Tacoma, 200500133

Encl
Drawings (10)

LAT 47°18.21'
LONG 122°27.91'

600' RADIUS

BROWN'S
POINT

PSDDA DISPOSAL SITE

TYEE MARINA

COMMENCEMENT BAY

HYLEBOS W/W

BLAIR W/W

MARINE VIEW DRIVE

ALEXANDER AVENUE

TAYLOR AVENUE

EAST 11TH STREET

MILWAUKEE WY

MARSHALL AVENUE

SR 509

12TH ST. E.

U.S. HIGHWAY 99

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EXISTING GOG-LE-HI-TE
HABITAT AREA

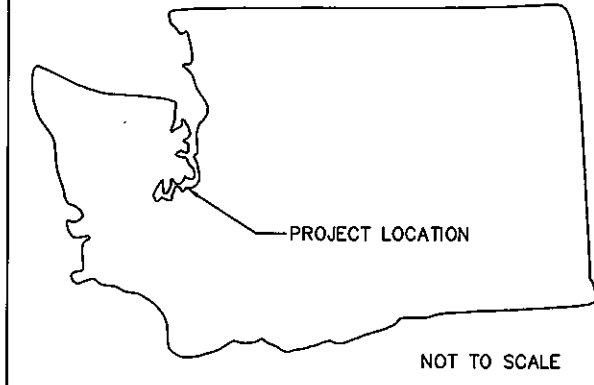
PROPOSED
MITIGATION AREA
N 47° 14.50' LAT.
W 122° 24.30' LONG.

BARGE SLIP

N 47° 15' 22" LAT.
W 122° 23' 00" LONG.

VICINITY MAP

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PURPOSE: RESTORE BARGE SLIP TO
UPLANDS FOR MARINE TERMINAL
PURPOSES

DATUM: MLLW = 0.00 FEET (NOS)

ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNERS:

Ⓐ PORT OF TACOMA

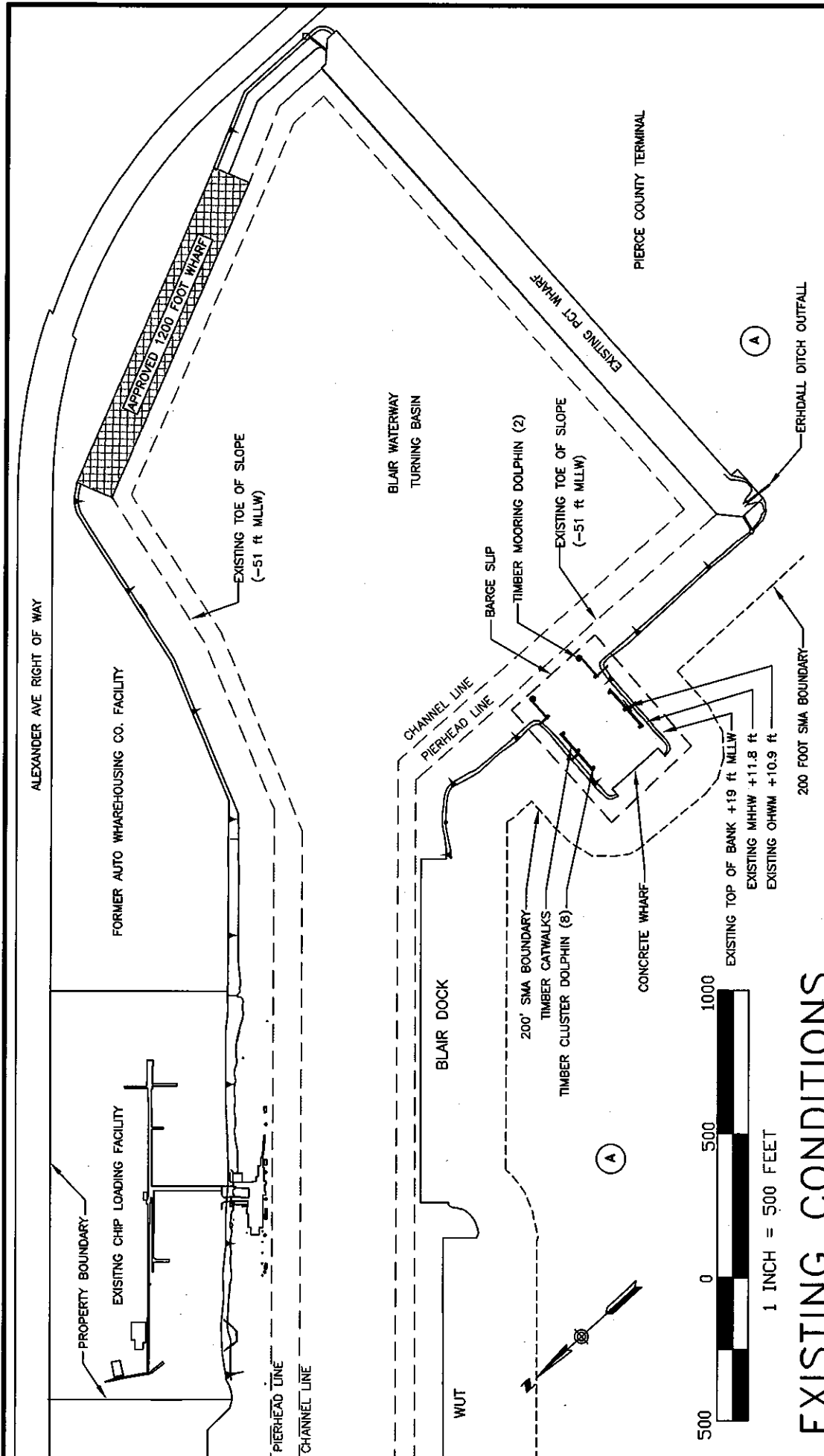


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BARGE SLIP FILL PROJECT
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SHEET NO. 1 OF 10 DATE: 01/06/05



EXISTING CONDITIONS

EXISTING CONDITIONS SHOWN ARE THE CONDITIONS APPROVED AS PART OF THE PIERCE COUNTY TERMINAL EXPANSION PROJECT, WHICH IS CURRENTLY UNDER CONSTRUCTION (COE # 2000-2-00765 AND 200000765). THE PENDING BLAIR WATERWAY INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT WOULD FURTHER RECONFIGURE THE SHORELINE OF THE BLAIR WATERWAY. THAT PROJECT WOULD NOT AFFECT THE PROJECT AREA FOR THE BARGE SLIP FILL PROJECT.

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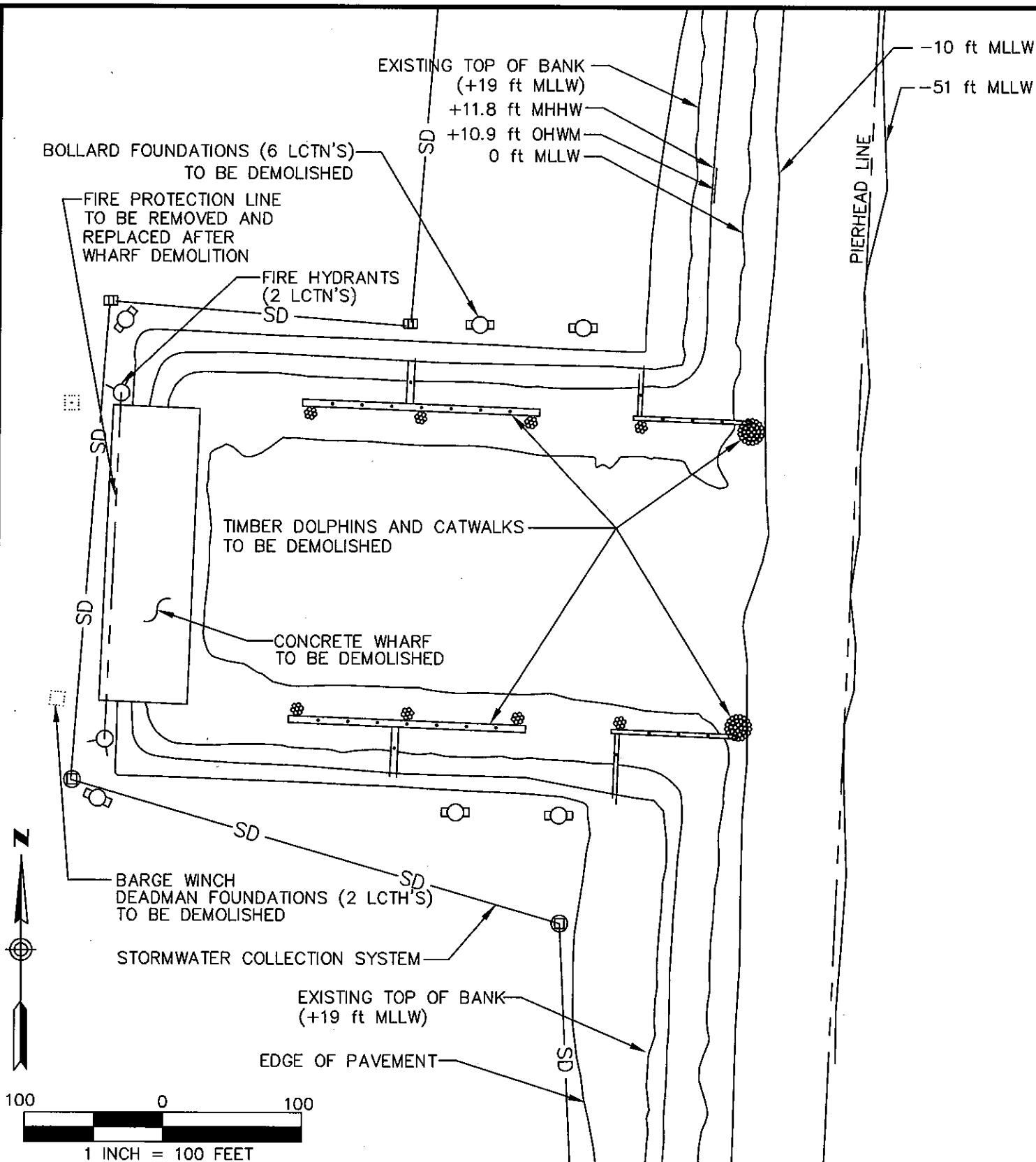
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SITE PLAN EXISTING CONDITIONS

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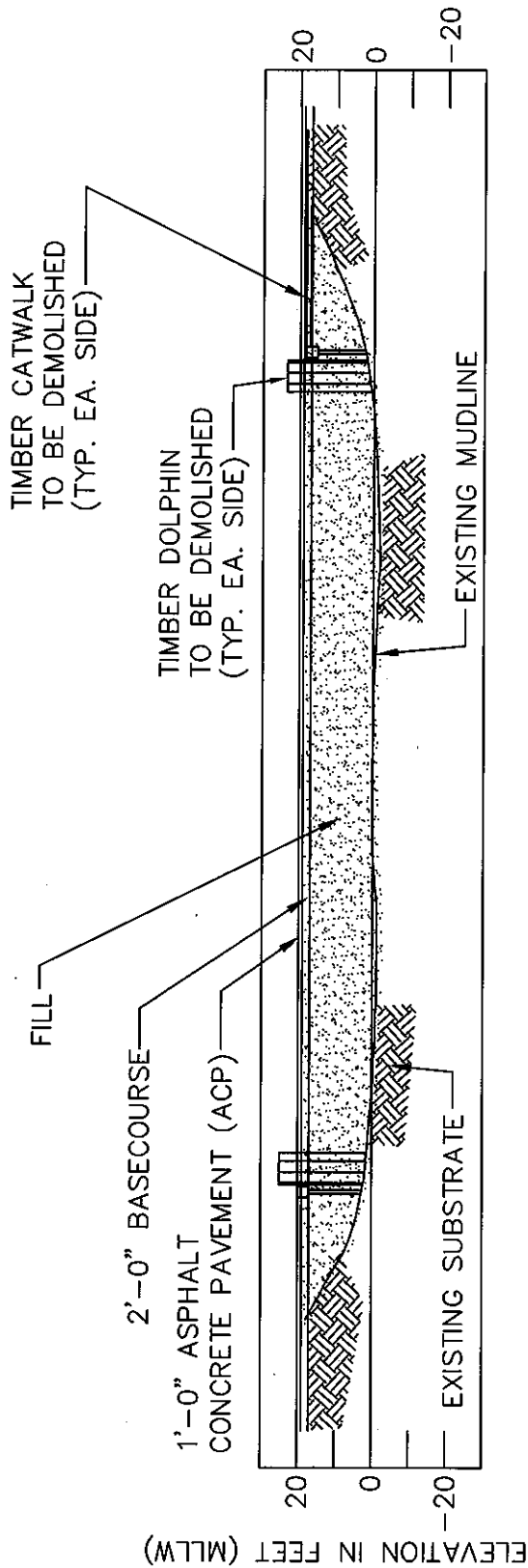
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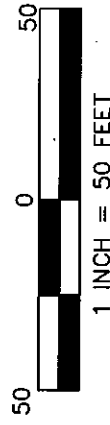


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1 SHT4 CROSS SECTION

- NOTES: 1. FILL TO APPROXIMATELY +18 ft MLLW.
2. PAVING SECTION (SUBGRADE & PAVEMENT) TO APPROXIMATELY +20 ft MLLW.



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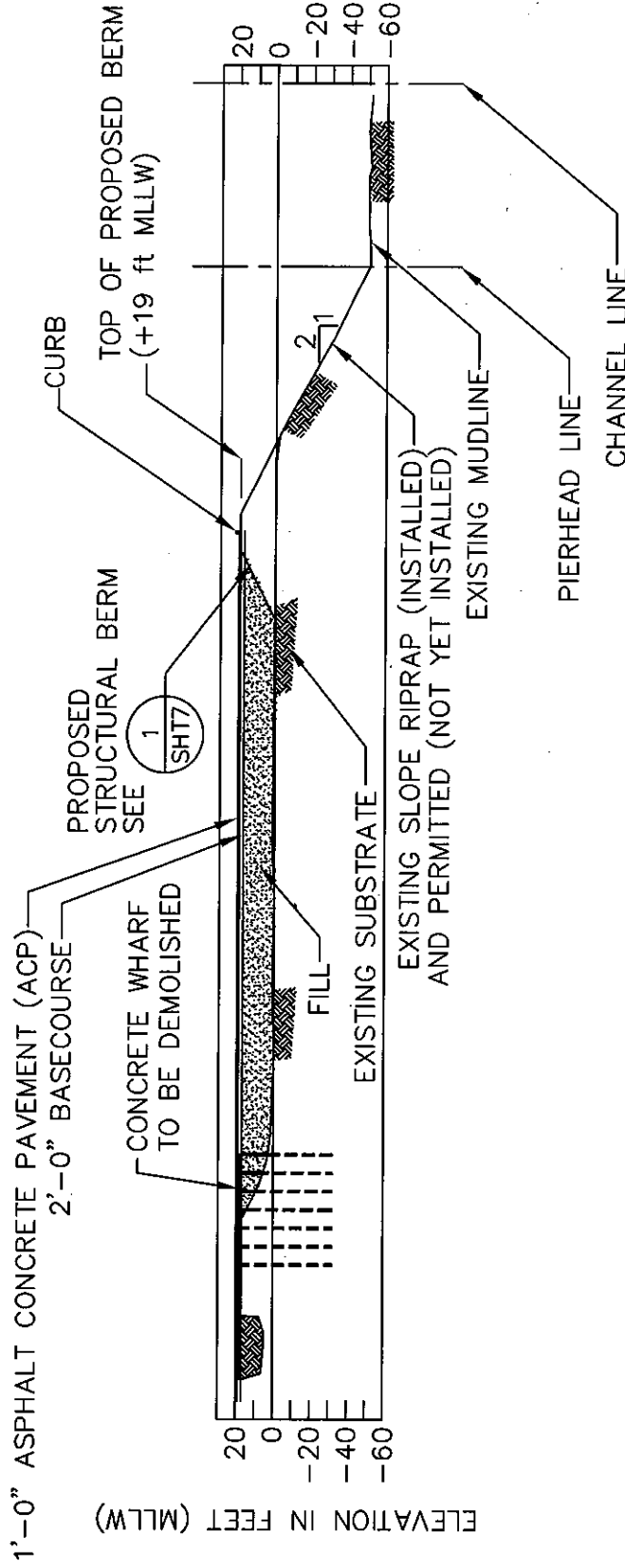


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LONGITUDINAL SECTION

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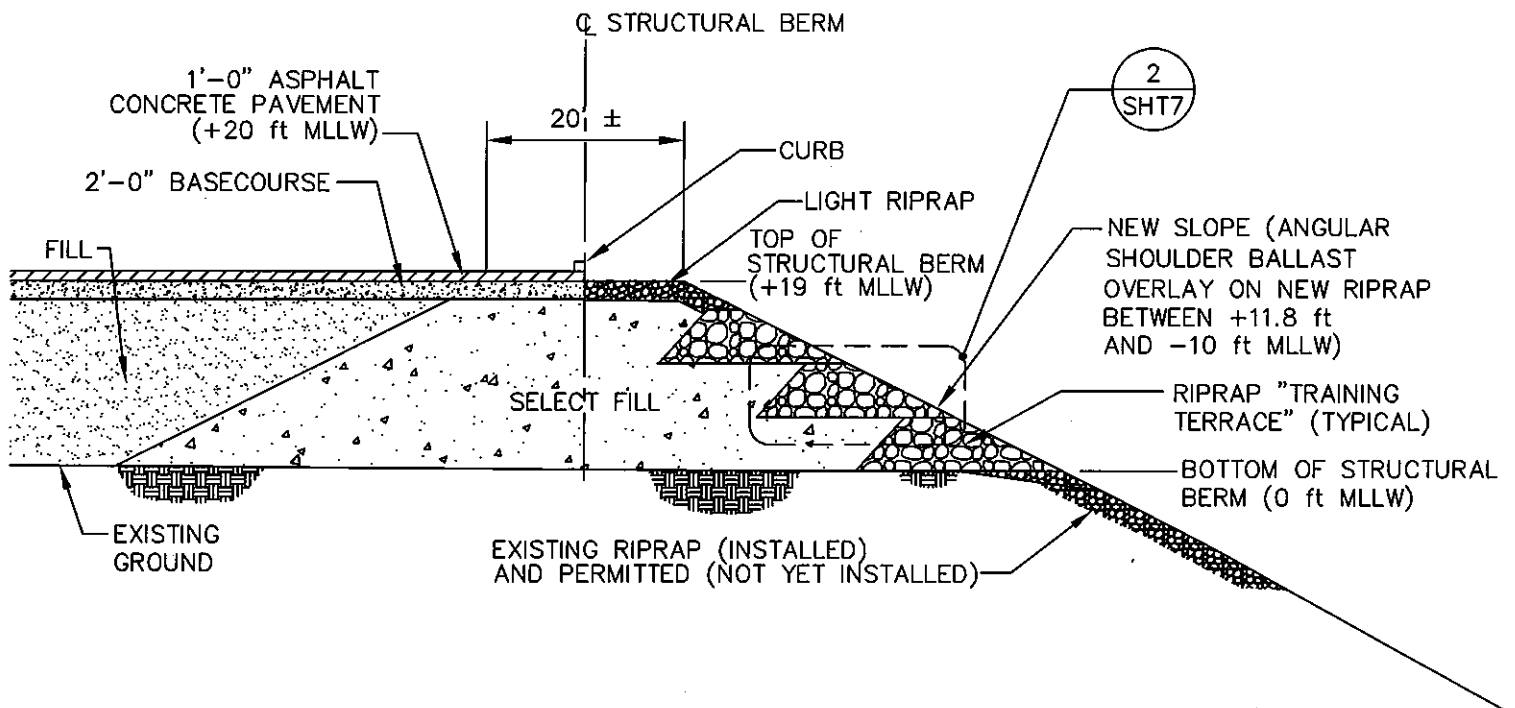
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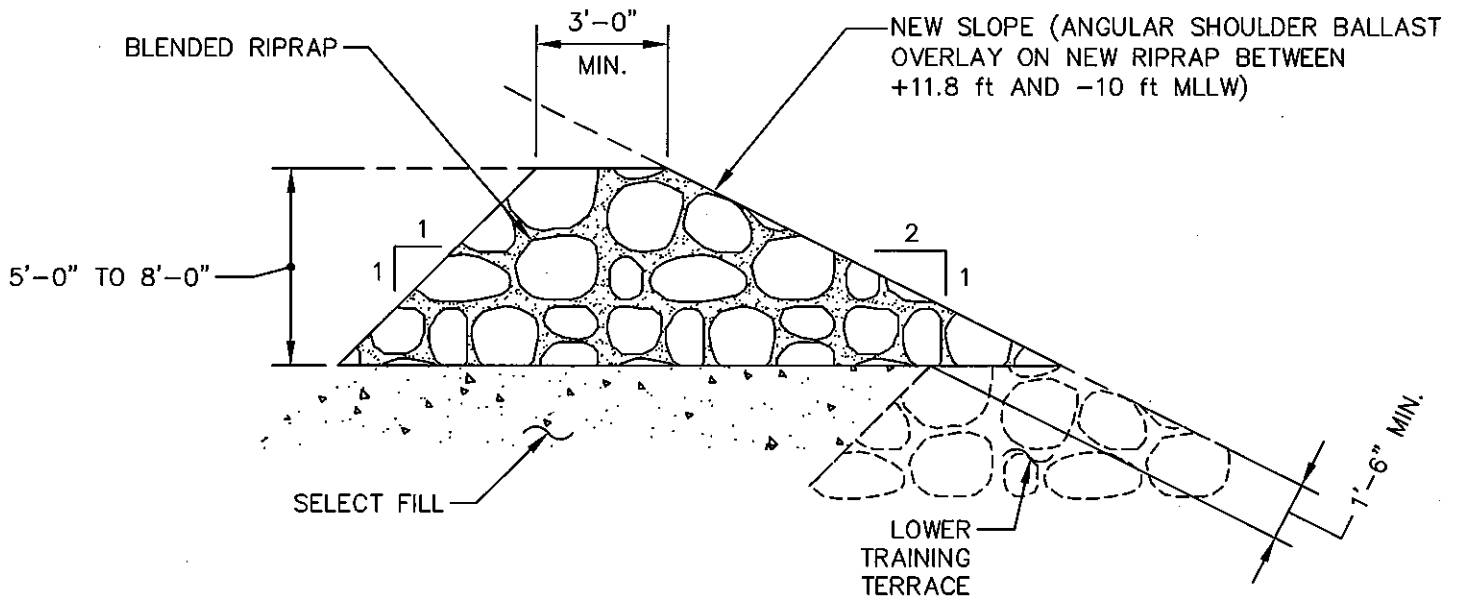
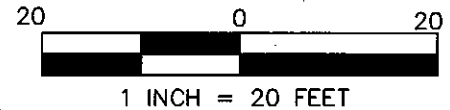
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TRAINING TERRACE

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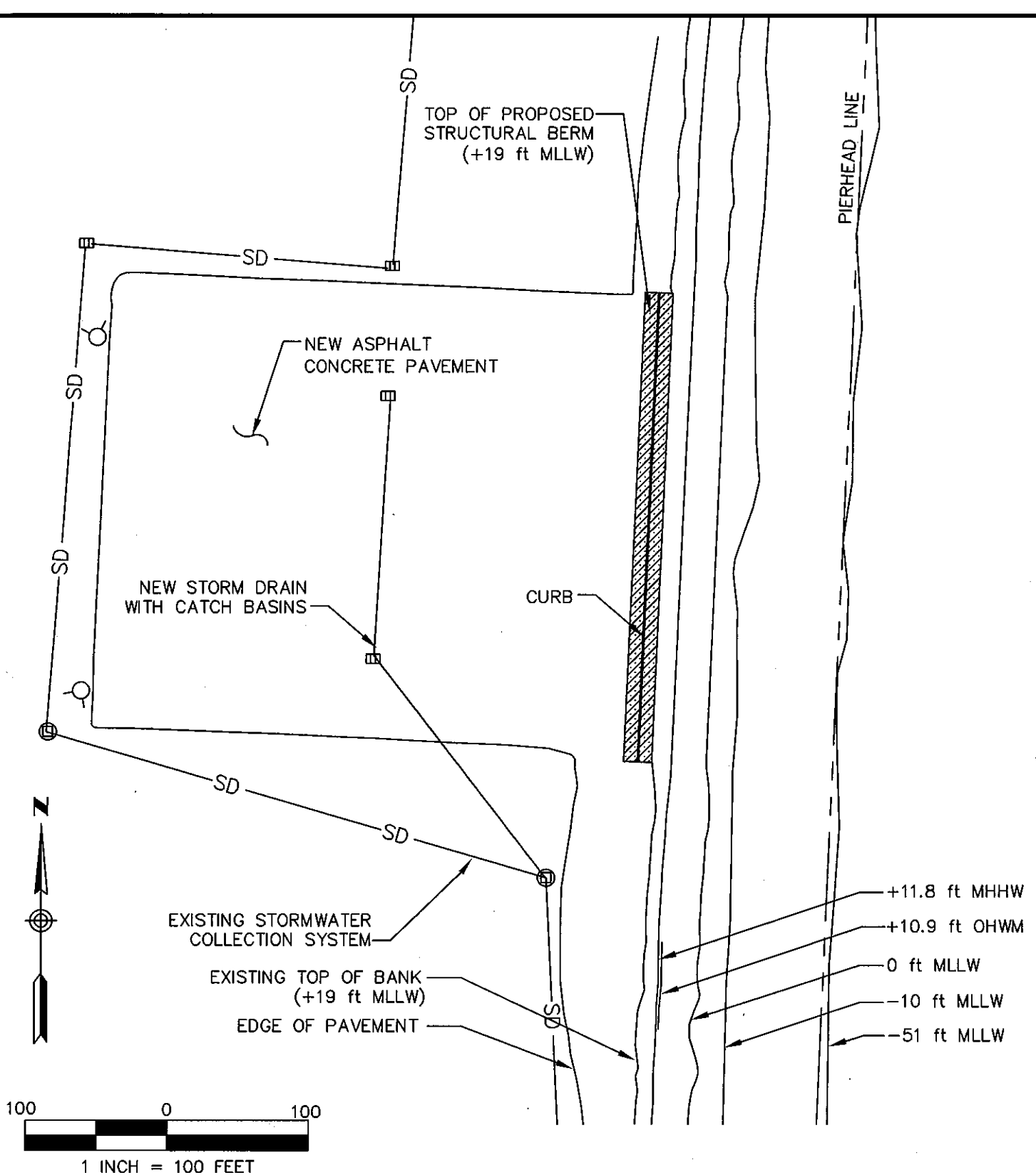
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STORMWATER PLAN

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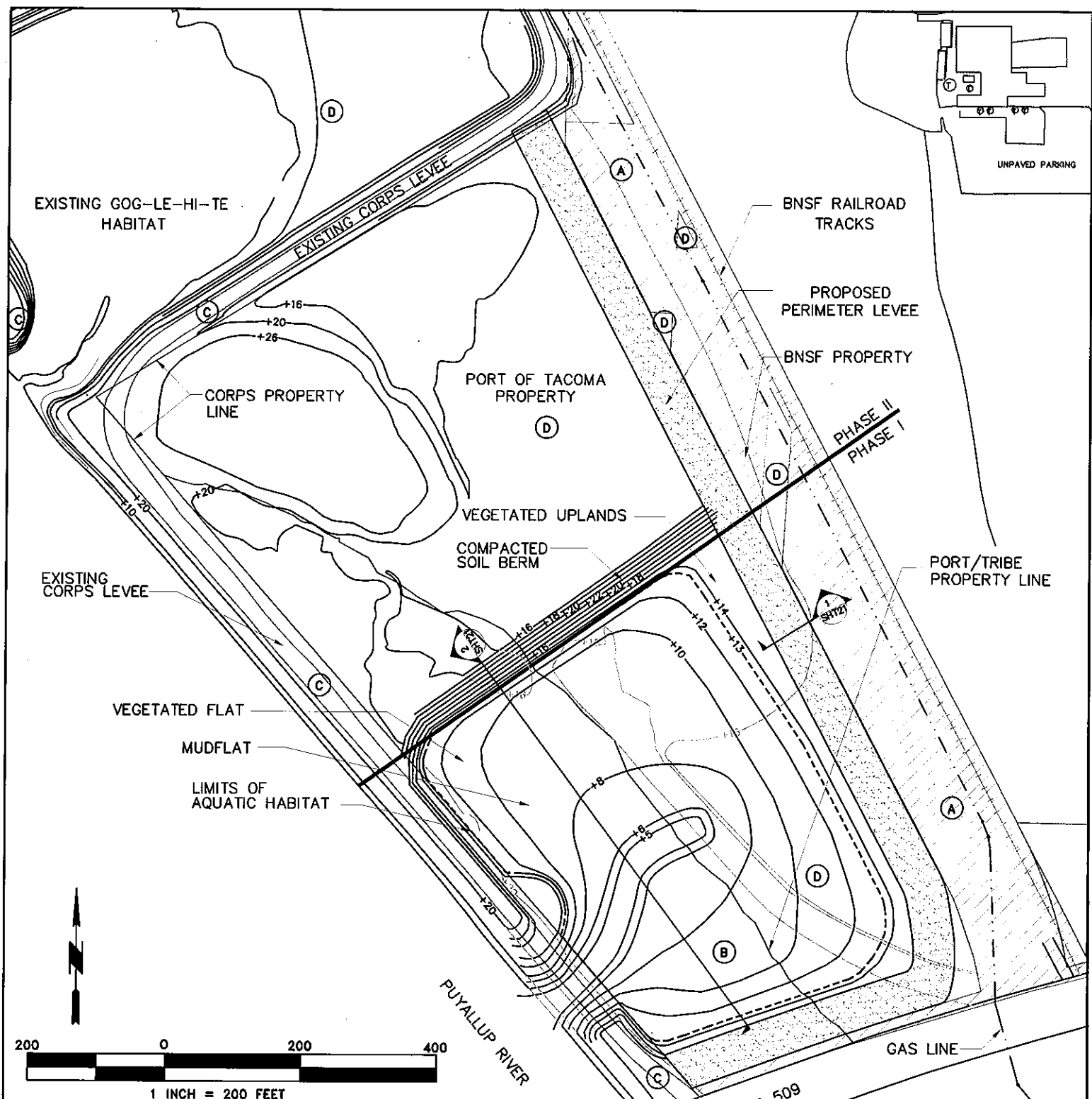
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GOG-LE-HI-TE II PHASE I CONCEPTUAL MITIGATION ACTION

----- EXISTING CONTOURS
 ——— PROPOSED CONTOURS

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- (A) BURLINGTON NORTHERN SANTE FE (BNSF)
- (B) PUYALLUP TRIBE OF INDIANS
- (C) US ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS
- (D) PORT OF TACOMA



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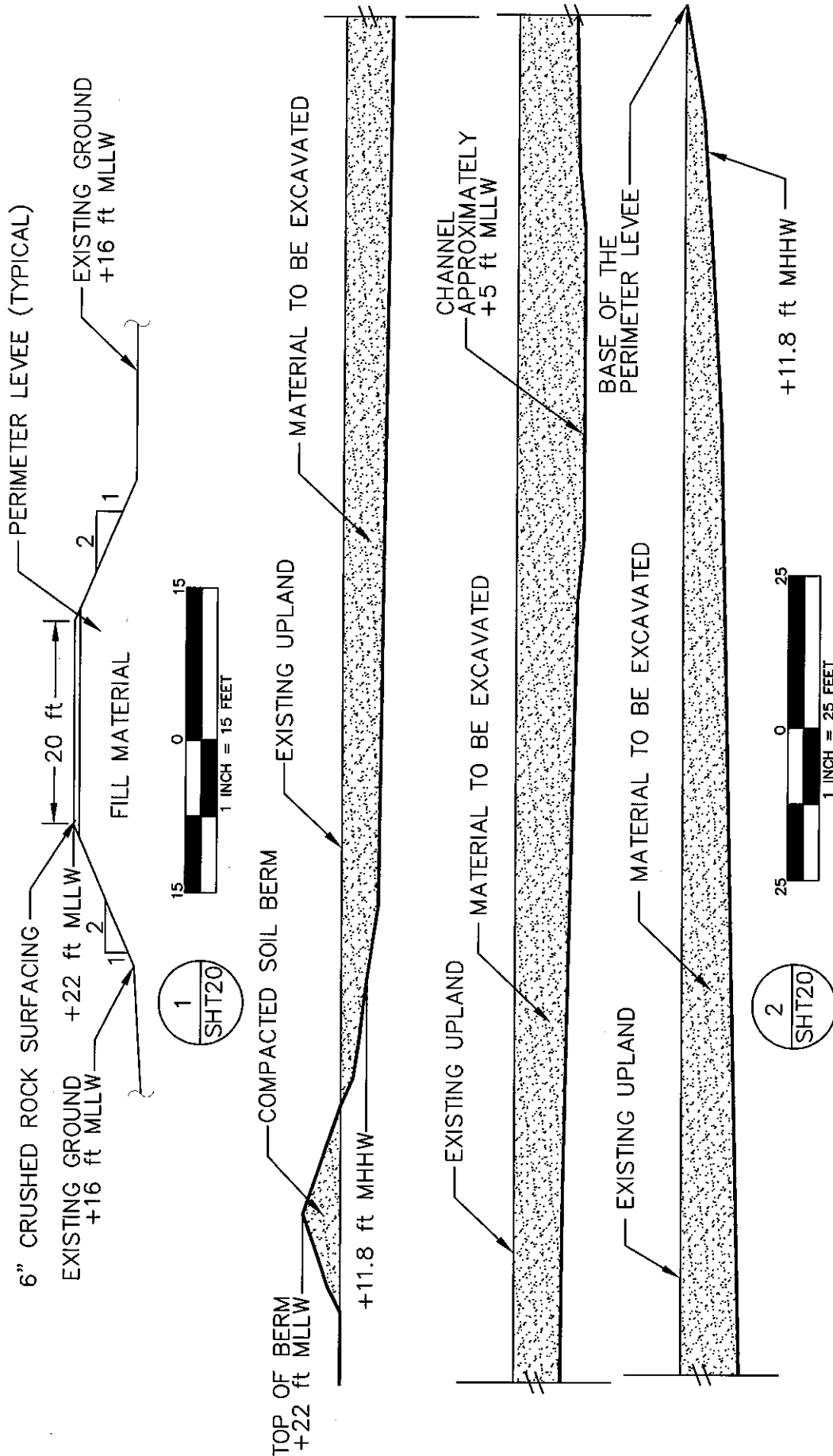
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STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY

Notice of Application for
Water Quality Certification
and for
Certification of Consistency with the
Washington Coastal Zone Management Program

Date: March 21, 2005

Notice is hereby given that a request has been filed with the Department of Ecology, pursuant to the requirements of Section 401 of the federal Clean Water Act of 1977 (PL 95-217), to certify that the project described in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Public Notice No. 200500133 will comply with the Sections 301, 302, 303, 306, and 307 of the Act, and with applicable provisions of State and Federal water pollution control laws.

Notice is hereby given that a request has been filed with the Department of Ecology, pursuant to the requirements of Section 307© of the Federal Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. 1451), to certify that the above referenced project will comply with the Washington State Coastal Zone Management Program and that the project will be conducted in a manner consistent with that program.

Any person desiring to present views on the project pertaining to the project on either or both (1) compliance with water pollution control laws or (2) the project's compliance or consistency with the Washington State Coastal Zone Management Program may do so by providing written comments within 30 days of the above publication date to:

Federal Permit Coordinator
Department of Ecology
SEA Program
Post Office Box 47600
Olympia, Washington 98504-7600